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7 July 1951

On 5 July, cloudy weather with rains or local thunderstorms was observed in most of the European USSR. In the southeastern Ukraine, Crimea, North Caucasus, and Lower Volga region, slightly cloudy weather without precipitation continued.

Slightly cloudy weather without precipitation prevailed in West Siberia, Kazakhstan, and Central Asia.

The moderately warm weather and precipitation observed during the last days were most favorable for the growth and development of agricultural crops. Spring wheat entered the milky stage in the southern central European USSR. Winter rye reached full maturity in the extreme southern central region and in most areas of Saratov Oblast.

The grain harvest is in progress under good weather conditions in the southern regions of the European USSR.

10 July 1951

On 8 and 9 July, cloudy weather without precipitation was observed in most of the European USSR. On 8 July, rain fell in the Baltic republics, northern Belorussia, and locally in the central European USSR. Showers and thunderstorms were also observed in the Central Volga region and in Krasnodar Kray. On 9 July, daytime temperatures were 17-20 degrees in the northern and northwestern regions, 23-25 in the central regions, 25-28 in the south, and 33 in Chkalov.

Hot, dry weather prevailed in West Siberia, Kazakhstan, and Central Asia. On 9 July, noon temperatures were 27 degrees in Novosibirsk, 28 in Barnaul and Krasnoyarsk, 29 in Alma-Ata, and 34 in Ashkhabad.

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The hot, dry weather promotes the rapid growth of agricultural crops. Winter wheat has entered the milky stage in most areas of the central regions; in southern Kursk Oblast, it has reached the waxy stage and even full maturity.

It has been reported that spring wheat is blooming in the Tatarsk area, Novosibirsk Oblast. Winter rye has reached the milky stage in the Omsk area.

Weather conditions are favorable for the harvest in the southern areas of the country.

12 July 1951

On 10 and 11 July, slightly cloudy, dry, and hot weather continued in most of the European USSR. It became cooler and rain fell in the Baltic republics. Noon temperatures on 11 July did not rise above 16-20 degrees in the north and northwest.

Quite heavy rains, amounting to 10-15 millimeters in places, fell on 10 July in the northwest and in the Baltic republics. Rain fell in the Crimea, southeastern Ukraine, Rostov Oblast, Krasnodar Kray, and in Georgia. Heavy rains with thunderstorms also fell in the Urals and in the western part of West Siberia.

Spring wheat is being harvested in the Moldavian SSR, southern Ukraine, and in Rostov Oblast. It has entered the waxy stage in Kiev, Khar'kov, Voroshilovgrad, Stalingrad, and southern Tambov oblasts. Spring wheat is blooming in Moscow and Ivanovo oblasts.

It became cooler and rain fell in West Siberia. Light showers fell locally in East Siberia.

Winter rye has entered the milky stage in Omsk and Tomsk oblasts. Spring wheat is heading in Omsk Oblast and has reached the milky stage in western Altay Kray.

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